

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-4 and 10-13 are pending in the present application. Claims 5-9 and 14-18 are canceled. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

**I. 35 U.S.C. § 103, Obviousness**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-18 as obvious over various combinations of *Reshef, Petty, Catiller, and Nielson*, as recited in the Final Office Action of April 7, 2006. The Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review of August 14, 2006 indicates that claims 1-4 and 10-13 are allowed, but that claims 5-9 and 14-18 remain rejected. Applicants have canceled claims 5-9 and 14-18. Therefore, the remaining obviousness rejections are rendered moot.

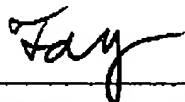
Applicants maintain that claims 5-9 and 14-18 are patentable over the cited references for the reasons presented in the prior responses. Accordingly, Applicants retain the right to file a continuation application on the non-allowed claims.

**II. Conclusion**

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited references and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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